

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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We were delighted to get the news today that William Chen has been awarded a music scholarship at Westminster School and Henry Coop at Eton College. This is a considerable achievement for both boys, won against very strong fields of candidates. The reports on both were glowing. We offer William and Henry our warmest congratulations.

Staff News

Today we say farewell and all best wishes to Mrs Laws (3TL) who begins her maternity leave. Our belated congratulations go to Mrs Lomas (PE) on the recent birth of her son, Jonty.

Pre-Prep Parent Interviews

Pre-School Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2nd February and Wednesday 3rd February in your child's classroom. Booking closes tonight.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Parent Interviews will be held on Tuesday 9th February and Thursday 11th February in your child's classroom. These appointments can **only** be made using our online booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment, after which you will receive an email confirming your interview time.

Class Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend their child's Class Assembly.

- 4SS Assembly Tuesday 2nd February. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0830.
- 2LB Assembly Wednesday 10th February. We look forward to seeing you in New Hall at 0900.

Reminder: Scenes from Matilda

Year 5 children are excited to invite their parents and family to 'Scenes from Matilda' on Monday 8th February. They will remain in school prior to performing and will receive a hot snack and refreshments. Parents should take their seats in New Hall from 1815 and the performance will start at 1830. We hope you enjoy it!

Uniform Policy

It has been noticed that a few children are wearing Fit-bit style watches which are not allowed under the school uniform policy. Please could parents ensure that these watches do not come to school. Children who have instrumental lessons **may** wear a watch on the day of their lesson.

Threadworm

There have been two cases of Threadworm reported in Pre-Prep. This is very common, particularly in children under the age of 10, and it is highly infectious, though time off school is not required. Treatment for the whole is available over the counter at all pharmacies. If you have children under the age of 2 years, then please refer to your GP. Advice can be found on the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

FOHG

FOHG Ball - Saturday 19th March 2016

Classic Cars and Fabulous Frocks will be held at Mercedes-Benz World on Saturday 19th March. Tickets sales are speeding along with 170 tickets sold already. This is a wonderful venue and promises to be a spectacular night! If you need any further details please email fohgball@gmail.com .

Music

Associated Board Exams - Spring Term

This term we will be hosting Associated Board exams here at school for many of our children. This means that children do not need to be taken out of lessons, collected and driven to Woking, Reading and other exam centres. It also means that we will be able to more easily provide accompaniments where needed (usually Miss Post, Mr Waltho or Mr Heffer). In order to provide the appropriate exam conditions, and to give maximum preparation time, we have booked Saturday 19th March. If your child learns with one of our teachers they will have already given us all necessary information (booking closes today). On future occasions we *might* be able to accommodate some external entries.

Informal Lunchtime Concerts

Today we had the second (and third and fourth!) of our Informal Lunchtime Concerts, Piano Concert II. So many children did we have who had been put forward that we ended up running 3 concerts – Pre-Prep at 1225, Years 3 & 4 at 1245 and Years 5 – 8, also at 1245. A big thank you to all who help to make these concerts happen, and we are appreciative of the children's work and performances, and the patience of all as we try to include everybody we would like to each week. Over the next few weeks we have more Informal Concerts coming up:

Friday 5th February Strings
Friday 12th February Brass and Woodwind

Sports News

Boys' and Girls' Games

Cross Country

The cross country season got under way this week with the Sunningdale relays. Congratulations to the Junior boys team (James Crane, Harry Mayhew, Callum Kinner, Josh Murray and Adam Humpish) on winning their event in a very exciting race. Sunningdale allowed our U11 girls to join the boys event, and they finished a very creditable 4th place, beating two of the local boys schools. The senior boys also finished 4th and must be complimented on their effort and commitment, every boy gave their all and that is all that can be asked.

Friday 5th February - Eagle House Cross Country

Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 girls and boys have been invited to participate in the Eagle House cross country event on Friday 5th February. The races start at 1400 with the U8 girls and will then follow concurrently in 10 minute sections. Parents may take their child after their event and presentation is complete. Teams will be selected early next week. Please ensure your child, if selected, has adequate water as well as school sports clothing including school coat, hat and gloves.

Cross Country training, Tuesday and Thursday 0730

Mr Tullett's cross country training sessions are open to all in Years 3 to 8. There is no need to register - just turn up ready to run at 0730.

Girls' Games

Another busy week for the girls' games department with Hall Grove hosting netball tournaments for the U11s and U9s. On Saturday morning it was marvellous to see all of the U11 girls involved in sport. The U11 B team was placed 3rd overall in the B team tournament, losing just one match by 1 goal in the group stages to Guildford High School (the eventual winners). Natalie Camp, Gracie Hessian, Sarah Vandenberg and Jasmine Wyles were outstanding in the B team. The C team had a tough pool but pulled together to play some exciting netball and they should all be very proud of the effort they put in, with Darcey Atherton playing particularly well. The U11 A team travelled to Danes Hill to play their tournament and came out of the blocks with all guns firing, beating some strong opposition. Gabriella Brinn-Johnson and Pippa Marlow shot some terrific goals and Yasmin van der Zijl and Carmen Schellekens were formidable in defence. They hit a sticky wicket when they came across tall and physical teams and so still have much to learn but overall they are an exciting team who are working incredibly hard with their Wednesday morning pre-school training sessions.

Despite the wet weather on Wednesday we managed to field 3 teams against Bishopsgate. The U11 B and C teams both had strong wins and the U10 Cs had a narrow loss against a B team. Stars of the afternoon were Lyla Gilbert (U10), Sarah Vandenberg and Clara Finn, both U11s.

On Thursday we hosted an U9 netball tournament and were blessed with a sunny but chilly afternoon, with over 100 young girls participating in the tournament. Many competed for the first time and there were some exciting netballing prospects. The C team won 2 out of 4 matches and the B team won all of their matches and gold medal winners. The A team won 4 out of their 5 matches and were delighted to be the recipients of silver medals as tournament runners-up. The three coaches selected their players of the afternoon: Isabella Volpi, who has only recently joined the school and played netball for a matter of weeks and is showing great promise, Maddie Uphill in the B team and Isabella Birkett-Eyles for the A team. All three girls worked hard for their teams and made a difference. Well done to all of them.

The U8s travelled to Cranleigh to participate in a hockey festival and they played 4 games, narrowly losing 3 and winning 1 with Indiana Leech scoring 2 goals. Their coach Mrs Tilley expressed great pride in all of the girls in the team for their work ethic, attitude and their impeccable behaviour.

Girls' Games Notices

Saturday 30th January – U11 Hawthorns netball tournament

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure, the expected return time is 1230.

Tuesday 2nd February – 1st and 2nd VII have matches at St George's Ascot, the girls may be collected at 1700 after the match, the estimated return time to Hall Grove will be 1730.

Thursday 4th February – U9 A & B v Holme Grange

Please note the later match time of 1500 and an estimated return time of 1630.

Saturday 6th February – U10 A Queen Anne's netball tournament

Please meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure, the expected return time is 1300.

Please note the additional netball fixtures for 1st and 2nd VII v Farnborough Hill on Wednesday 10th February at Hall Grove at 1630. Please note collection will be by 1730.

Boys' Games

An excellent block of senior fixtures on Wednesday v Papplewick, with all boys available for selection taking part. The seniors had a tough afternoon but the Year 5 and 6 boys fared much better. Well done to Alex Uphill and Thomas Morley who received positive praise for their hard work from the Head of Rugby at Wellington who was refereeing their game. Ben Parkinson and Billy Easeman were stand out players in the 3rd XV with some huge tackles and great work rate. Congratulations to the Colts A and C team on excellent wins - James Crane made a huge number of tackles for the Colts B with Ethan Baker and Ashton Gordon both scoring handfuls of tries for the Colts C. The Under 10s had a great afternoon with 4 wins out of 4.

The Under 9s played their block against Papplewick on Tuesday, with narrow losses for the A, B and C teams, but a good win for the D team.

The Under 8s played twice in a week, a visit to Papplewick on Tuesday and then Crosfields on Thursday and had two successful afternoons. The U8 A team remains unbeaten and overall this week the Under 8s had 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses, playing some excellent running rugby. Commendations to Marcus Fearnhead and Felix Baker in the A team and Oliver Townsend who scored several tries for the U8 C team.

Harry Sadler was especially brave and overcame pre-match nerves in the D team game, scoring two tries, as did Gabriel Jackson. Toby Sharma scored 4! The final result was 13 - 12 - well done boys!

Boys' Games Notices

Saturday 30th January – U10 Cumnor House Rugby Tournament

Boys selected to play in the Under 10 Cumnor House Rugby Tournament are to meet at Hall Grove at 0815. Estimated return time is 1330.

Boys' Hockey House Matches – Years 5 - 8

A reminder that all boys in Years 5 - 8 are expected to take part in their hockey house matches next Saturday, 6th February.

Reminder: Golf Course

Unfortunately the school golf course is still too wet to play at the moment and the Saturday morning lessons have been cancelled.

Senior School Open Mornings

- Leighton Park School, Reading
8th March, 10th May, 7th June - 0118 987 9600
- Luckley House School
15th March, 0900 - 0118 974 3221
- Farnborough Hill (afternoons)
29th January, 29th April, 1330 - 01252 529811
- Reed's School, Cobham
5th March, 7th May, 10th September, 12th November - 01932 869001
- King Edward's Witley
6th February, 10th March - 01428 686700

February Half Term Camps

Energy Kidz Holiday Club at Charters School

Fun-filled and action-packed clubs for 4 - 11 year olds.

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out of school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and are experienced in and passionate about the activities we offer. All clubs follow the playwork principles and offer lots of free play and free choice activities. Children can try a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, or just chill out and enjoy the variety of toys and games available.

Booking Information:

Call 0333 577 1533, email info@energy-kidz.co.uk or book online at www.energy-kidz.co.uk.

Sibling discounts are available and childcare vouchers are accepted.

For further information or to book for the Holiday Clubs, please click on the following link: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/sunningdale-holiday-club-charters-school/>

HYPE – Holidays Young People Enjoy – Camps

Multi-activity camps including football during half-term - please see flyer attached.

Chertsey Museum Education Service

February half-term fun activities - please see flyer attached.

Newsletter Attachments

The following information is available on the school website:

- Instrumental Competition External Entry Form
- Weekly Music Rehearsal Schedule 2015 - 2016
- FOHG Ball Booking Form
- Energy Kidz Holiday Club Flyer
- HYPE Camps including Football
- Chertsey Museum Education Service

Reminder: Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016 vouchers which are currently being issued for every £10 spent in stores, online and at fuel stations. We would be grateful if you would send in any vouchers that you receive, there is a collection box in the school office.